AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A method for use in a user system capable of

2   communicating over ~~having~~ a network, comprising:

3   receiving, in the user system, a control message for a call session over the

4   network;

5   receiving one or more predetermined criteria entered by a user through a user

6   interface of the user system;

7   comparing information in the control message against the one or more

8   predetermined criteria; and

9   ~~launching~~ loading a web page, in the user system, ~~software routine~~ based on the

10   comparison of information in the control message with the one or more predetermined criteria.

1   2.   (Cancelled)

1   3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein loading the web page

2   includes launching ~~the~~ a web browser ~~software routine includes launching a software routine~~ to

3   perform a service separate from and in addition to call control and status and media-related tasks.

1   4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending one or more

2   messages in response to the control message to establish a call session.

1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a message according to a predetermined protocol for establishing a real-time

3   audio-based interactive communications session.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a message for establishing a real-time text-based communications session.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a message according to a Session Initiation Protocol.

1   8.   (Cancelled)

1   9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]] 3, further comprising receiving,

2   through the user interface, a name of a the software routine corresponding to the web browser to

3   be launched from the user interface.

1   10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising receiving user-

2   defined data from the user interface, the user-defined data for passing to the launched web

3   browser software routine.

1   11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message is

2   performed by a protocol-aware module and comparing the information is performed by a

3   separate module.

1   12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the

2   control message includes comparing an identifier of a caller.

1   13.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information in the

2   control message includes comparing an identifier of a callee.

1   14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the information

2   in the control message includes comparing information selected from the group consisting of

3   time, date, message subject, message priority, and message direction, caller identifier, and callee

4   identifier.

1   15.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching different ones of

2   plural routines based on the comparison of the control message information with the one or more

3   predetermined criteria.

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1   16.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the control message

2   includes receiving a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1   17.   (Currently Amended) A <u>user</u> system comprising:

2   a processor;

3   <u>a web browser executable on the processor;</u>

4   <u>a user interface to receive a set of one or more user-defined rules;</u>

5   <u>a network</u> an interface to receive a call request over a network;

6   a protocol-aware module executable on the processor to process the call request;

7   and

8   a rules processing module executable on the processor to compare information in

9   the call request with [[a]] <u>the</u> set of one or more user-defined rules<u>, and to invoke the web</u>

10   <u>browser based on comparing the information in the call request with the set of one or more</u>

11   <u>user-defined rules</u>.

1   18.   (Cancelled)

1   19.   (Currently Amended) The <u>user</u> system of claim [[18]] <u>17</u>, wherein the <u>web</u>

2   <u>browser</u> routine performs a task that is <u>separate from and</u> in addition to call control, call status,

3   and media-related services.

1   20.   (Cancelled)

1   21.   (Currently Amended) The <u>user</u> system of claim <u>17, wherein the</u> 18, further

2   comprising a user interface <u>is adapted</u> to receive a name of the <u>a software</u> routine <u>corresponding</u>

3   <u>to the web browser to be invoked</u>.

1   22.   (Currently Amended) The <u>user</u> system of claim 21, wherein the user interface is

2   further capable of receiving user-defined data to pass with the launching of the <u>web browser</u>

3   routine.

1 23.   (Cancelled)

1 24.   (Currently Amended) The <u>user</u> system of claim 17, wherein the call request

2 includes a Session Initiation Protocol Invite request.

1 25.   (Currently Amended) An article including one or more storage media containing

2 instructions for controlling a <u>user</u> device in a communications system having a network, the

3 instructions when executed causing the <u>user</u> device to:

4   ~~receive~~ <u>transmit</u> a <u>control</u> message according to a predetermined protocol <u>for</u>

5 <u>establishing a call session over the network</u>;

6   <u>provide a user interface in the user device to receive one or more predetermined</u>

7 <u>user-defined rules</u>;

8   compare information in the <u>control</u> message with one or more predetermined

9 user-defined rules; and[[;]]

10   ~~launch~~ <u>load</u> a <u>web page</u> ~~software routine unaware of the predetermined protocol~~ <u>in</u>

11 <u>response to comparing the information in the control message with the one or more</u>

12 <u>predetermined user-defined rules</u>.

1 26.   (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides

2 for real-time interactive communications sessions.

1 27.   (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol provides

2 for text-based chat sessions.

1 28.   (Original) The article of claim 25, wherein the predetermined protocol includes a

2 Session Initiation Protocol.

1   29.   (Currently Amended) A data signal embodied in a carrier wave and comprising

2   instructions for controlling a <u>user</u> device in a communications system, the instructions when

3   executed causing the <u>user</u> device to:

4   receive a call request according to a first protocol;

5   <u>provide a user interface to receive one or more user criteria;</u>

6   perform a rules check of information in the call request <u>by comparing information</u>

7   <u>in the call request with the one or more user criteria</u>; and

8   launch <u>a web browser</u> ~~one of plural tasks~~ based on the rules check.

1   30.   (Original) A system comprising:

2   a plurality of software routines;

3   a storage device containing user-entered rules including a first set of rules and a

4   second set of rules; and

5   a controller adapted to launch a first software routine if the first set of rules is

6   satisfied and to launch a second software routine if the second set of rules is satisfied.

1   31.   (New) A user system comprising:

2   a web browser;

3   a network interface to transmit a call request for establishing a call session over a

4   network;

5   a user interface to receive user-entered rules;

6   a storage device to store the user-entered rules; and

7   a controller adapted to compare information in the call request with the user-

8   entered rules and to load a web page in the web browser in response to the comparing.

1   32.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a uniform resource

2   locator (URL) through the user interface, wherein loading the web page includes opening the

3   web page specified by the URL received through the user interface.

1   33.   (New) The user system of claim 17, wherein the user interface is adapted to
2   receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web browser invoked based on the
3   comparing is adapted to open a web page specified by the received URL.

1   34.   (New) The user system of claim 17, wherein the one or more user-defined rules
2   are selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and
3   message direction.

1   35.   (New) The article of claim 25, wherein the instructions when executed cause the
2   user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through the user interface,
3   wherein loading the web page includes opening a web page specified by the URL received
4   through the user interface.

1   36.   (New) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the instructions when executed cause
2   the user device to further receive a uniform resource locator (URL) through the user interface,
3   wherein launching the web browser includes opening a web page specified by the URL received
4   through the user interface.

1   37.   (New) The data signal of claim 29, wherein the one or more user criteria are
2   selected from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and message
3   direction.

1   38.   (New) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user interface is adapted to
2   receive a uniform resource locator (URL), and wherein the web page loaded in response to the
3   comparing is specified by the received URL.

1   39.   (New) The user system of claim 31, wherein the user-entered rules are selected
2   from the group consisting of time, date, message subject, message priority, and message
3   direction.